organisms, presence of Bt-gene protein in soil, and effect of the protein on soil microflora. Food safety studies included, allergenicity studies, toxicology study, presence of Bt-gene and protein in cotton seed oil and feeding studies on fish, chicken, cows and buffaloes. Feeding experiments indicated that Bt- Cotton seed meal is nutritionally equivalent and safe as the non-Bt- Cottonseed meal.

Permission to foreign trawlers of deep sea fishing

1784. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any action on the representations for withdrawing permission granted to foreign trawlers for deep sea fishing;

(b) if so, the details of action taken;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the total number of foreign trawlers doing fishing due to the above permission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) No foreign trawlers for deep sea fishing in the Indian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) have been permitted since 1996 pursuant to the Government's decision on the recommendations of the Review Committee on Deep Sea Fishing. At present no foreign trawler is permitted by the Government to do fishing in the Indian waters. However, as per new guidelines issued in November, 2002 for promoting deep sea fishing, fully owned Indian Companies are given letter of permission for operating in the EEZ with resource specific vessels such as Tuna long liners, squid jiggers, tuna purse seiners and pelagic/mid water trawlers.

(d) Question does not arise.

Development of marine fisheries

1785. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposals for development of marine fisheries are pending with Government;

(b) if, so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of total amount released for above scheme during the last three years to Karnataka, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) The details of proposals received from various States for Central Assistance under different components of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on development of Marine Fisheries are furnished in Statement-I. (See below) The State-wise details of funds released under the scheme for the last three years are furnished in Statement-It.

Statement-I

Proposal received from State/UT Governments

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the State/UT	Fishermen Development Rebate on HSD		Motorisation of Traditional Craft	
		2003-04	2004-05	2003-04	2004-05
1.	Andhra Pradesh	10.00	90.00	5.00	50.00
2.	Goa	—	64.34	1.10	5.00
3.	Gujarat	1425.00	Nil	6.94	Nil
4.	Karnataka	728.00	728.00	5.00	5.00
5.	Maharashtra	350.00	385.00* 2000.00**	Nil	Nil
6.	Orissa	170.724 (Back-log Payment)	Nil	50.00	Nil
7.	Tamil Nadu	439.00	439.00	40.00	180.00
8.	Kerala	Nil	Nil	35.00	Nil
9.	Pondicherry	12.60	Nil	Nil	Nil
10.	Lakshadweep	Nil	5.00	Nil	Nil
11.	Daman and Diu	Nil	125.00	Nil	Nil

* State Governments' Budget provision.
** The total amount required during this year.

Statement-ll

Development of Marine Fisheries-Details of funds released during the last 3 years

(Rs. In lakhs)

SI. No.	Name of the State/UT	2001-02	2002-03**	2003-04
1.	Andhra Pradesh	20.00		-
2.	Gujarat	306.51	-	6.94
3.	Goa	15.45	-	-
4.	Karnataka	133.00	-	5.00
5.	Kerala	20.00	-	-
6.	Maharashtra	169.94	-	-
7.	Orissa	16.00	-	50.00
8.	Tamil Nadu	114.34	-	38.06
9.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	13.47	-	-
10.	Lakshadweep	2.50	-	-
11.	Daman & Diu	19.00	-	-

**Scheme was not in operation

Central Delegation to assess drought situation in states

†1786. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:
DR. MURU MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sent central delegation to the different States to assess the effect of drought there;

(b) if so, the names of the States visited by the said delegation alongwith the dates of their visits, separately;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.